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In re Application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/853,226

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For: MECHANISM FOR CLOSING BACK  
DOOR ACCESS MECHANISMS IN  
PERSONAL COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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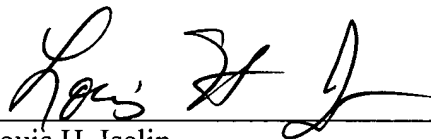
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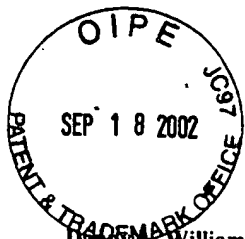
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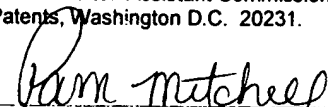
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Inventor(s): **Geoffrey S. Strongin**  
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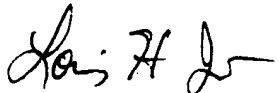
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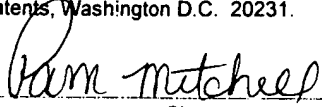
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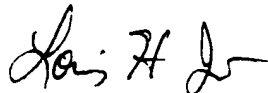
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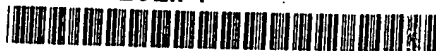
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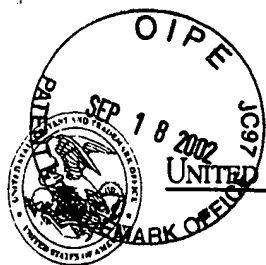
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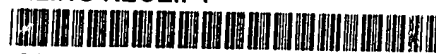
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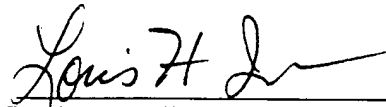
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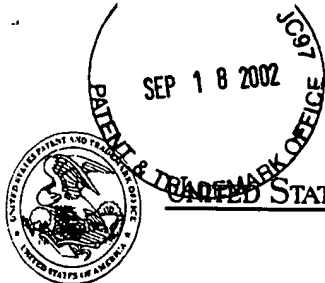
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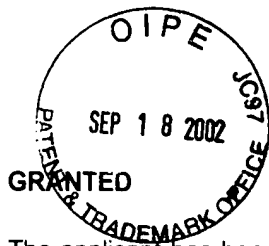
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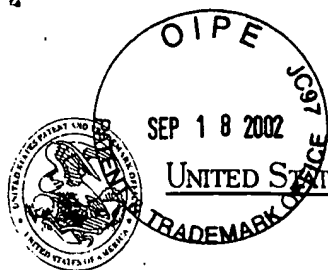
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